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Mr. Michael Gearheard Chief, Waste Management Branch U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

SUBJECT: Response to Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for Closure Plan Submittal

Received from the EPA/State

Dear Mr. Gearheard:

The Notice of Deficiency (NOD) for Closure Plan submittal received from the EPA and State of Idaho identified 11 Land Disposal Units (LDUs) that the EPA/State (hereafter the Agencies) consider to be clean closure candidates. It is understood that by the NOD the Agencies are requiring the submittal of Closure Plans for five of the 11 LDUs on May 15, 1990, and three on June 26, 1990. The characterizations undertaken for each LDU must be sufficient to properly assess all contaminants and possible contaminant migration, and for a proper assessment of the closure process which must be undertaken.

Additionally, the NOD requires Monthly Closure Plan status reports to be submitted to the Agencies no later than 7 days after the first day of each month. DOE-ID interprets this to mean 7 "working" days unless otherwise notified.

Finally, the NOD requires the submittal on January 12, 1990, of a schedule demonstrating dates for the submittal of Closure Plans for the remaining LDUs.

The 11 clean closure candidates identified in the NOD are:

EG&G Units	Unit ID. No. CFA-05 TRA-06 TRA-02 ARA-01 PBF-10 PBF-08	Unit Name Motor Pool Pond Chemical Waste Pond Paint Shop Ditch Chemical Evaporation Pond Reactor Area Evaporation Pond Reactor Area Corrosive Waste Disposal Sump Brine Tank
WINCO Units	CPP-39 CPP-59 CPP-64 CPP-23 CPP-34*	HF Storage Tank and Dry Well Kerosine Spill Hexone Spill Injection Well Contaminated Soil Trench

^{*}This LDU is understood not to be a clean - closure candidate.

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Closure Plans will be submitted for EG&G units according to the following schedule:

schedule:		Closure Plan Submittal Date
Unit ID. No. CFA-05 PBF-10 PBF-08 TRA-02 TRA-06 ARA-01	Unit Name Motor Pool Pond Reactor Area Evaporation Pond Reactor Area Brine Tank Paint Shop Ditch Chemical Waste Pond Chemical Evaporation Pond	May 15, 1990 May 15, 1990 May 15, 1990 May 15, 1990 June 26, 1990 June 26, 1990 June 26, 1990

Closure plans will be submitted for WINCO units according to the following schedule:

schedule:		Closure Plan Submittal Date
Unit ID. No. CPP-23 CPP-34 CPP-64 CPP-39 CPP-59	Unit Name Injection Well Contaminated Soil Trench Hexone Spill HF Storage Tank and Dry Well Kerosine Spill	March 30, 1990 June 18, 1990 July 19, 1990 December 6, 1990 November 8, 1990

As shown in Attachment 1, characterization of CPP-39 and CPP-59 is scheduled to be two-phased; shallow drilling will be conducted in 1989 and deep drilling in the spring of 1990. A two-phase approach is necessary so that procurement for deep drilling can be completed. In addition, it will allow adequate time for reviewing data from the 1989 characterization effort and adequate time for reviewing data from the 1989 characterization effort and documenting the results, and time to plan and prepare for the 1990 field season.

In summary, development of closure plans for CPP-59 and CPP-39 which meet the quality requirements identified in the NOD (i.e. based on characterization "sufficient to properly assess all contaminants and possible contaminant migration, and for a proper assessment of the closure process...") will require submittal dates beyond May 15, 1990, as shown above and on Attachment 1. This approach has been discussed with EPA and State personnel. DOE-ID hopes that both agencies will concur with this state personnel to satisfy the requirements of both quality and timeliness.

Please note that the submittal date for CPP-23 is March 30, 1990, as shown in the original schedule.

DOE-ID will submit, on January 12, 1990, a schedule for submittal of Closure Plans for all remaining LDUs.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Closure Plan Schedule for CPP-39 & CPP-59

